



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

**December 9, 2003
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office, 200 South Lamar, Board Room.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Jeff Francell, Jeb Boyt, Marilyn Bostick, Clint Small, and Linda Guerrero

Board Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Stuart Strong, Jay Stone, Rick Ramirez, Stacie Talbert, Randy Scott and Dina Haines

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, October 28, 2003

Board Member Small made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The vote was in favor 5-0-0.**

Board Member Bostick arrived 6:45.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jerry Strange spoke in support to keep Butler Golf Course under the same management. He requested the concession's lease be renewed.

John Parry spoke in support of Butler Golf Course.

Brenda Robinson (did not wish to speak) was in support of lease renewal of Butler Golf Course.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation to the Zoning and Platting Commission on a Variance Request of Austin Marriott Downtown across from Brush Square.

Steve King, Vice President, P.E., Consort Incorporated gave a presentation to the board regarding a variance request for the Marriott Hotel. The Austin Marriott Downtown plans to build a hotel facing east on 4th Street. The hotel will have 246 parking spaces underground with an entry and exit off of Trinity Street. The variance request is to allow the Marriott to construct an unscreened garage opening. The design calls for a garage opening and a loading bay on Trinity Street facing Brush Square Park. The Land and Facilities Committee met on this item, November 12, 2003 and recommended approval.

Board Member Boyt made the motion to recommend the variance request. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-0-0.**

2. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Landa Site Plan Correction. Case Number SP-02-0412DS

Board Member Small stated that Parks Board approved a site plan at 1906 Scenic Drive in January of 2003. A site plan correction has been received from LOC Consultants to change the dimensions and position of a boat dock that has been partially constructed and red tagged at 1906 Scenic Drive. The dock was built not in accordance to the approved site plan.

Sergio Lozano, P.E., LOC Consultants gave a presentation to Parks Board. Mr. Lozano was requesting a variance request for the boat dock which was built and has been red-tagged for six-weeks and is prohibiting construction of the proposed home to be built.

Board Member Small made the motion to not approve the variance request for the plan exemption for the Landa boat dock as it is constructed. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion for denial passed 6-0-0.**

3. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of St. Tropez Boat Dock. Case Number C814-74-007(81) Revision #5

Vincent G. Huebinger, Principal, Vincent Gerard & Associates displayed a chart of the proposed site plan. Mr. Huebinger would like to construct a marina on the common area for residents of St. Tropez (Public Utility District) PUD.

Darin Davis, President, Boat Owners Association spoke to all citizens who are against the proposed St. Tropez marina boat dock and invited them to meet with himself, his attorneys and Mr. Huebinger to clear up issues he feels are unfounded

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by the neighboring home owners. Mr. Davis addressed parking concerns on Westlake Drive and he stated people would be parking in St. Tropez provided parking spaces.

Phil Capron, spoke in opposition St. Tropez marina proposal. He also stated the marina would create a traffic hazard along Westlake Drive creating hazards with vehicles parking to unload ice-chests, skis, life vest, relatives, friends and other boating necessities. More noted concerns he stated are:

- a) Architecturally incompatible –there are currently no three-story boat docks on Lake Austin or Town Lake.
- b) Substantial light and noise pollution.
- c) Sets the wrong precedence on Lake Austin
- d) Fire safety
- e) Traffic safety concerns on Westlake Drive
- f) Environmental sensitivity

Marlene McGovern spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

James P. Wallace spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Tim Speedy spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Gordon Marshall (did not wish to speak) opposed St. Tropez construction.

Edward Latson (did not wish to speak) opposed St. Tropez construction.

Juli Carmody spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Everett Carmody spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Philip Smith spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

James Welch spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Evert Broersma spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

W.M. Howard spoke to the board, opposed St. Tropez boat dock construction.

Board Member Small spoke on this item and stated it had been before the navigation committee for two-months. This project proposes to take up 29 percent of the shoreline line. Land Development Code allows for boat docks to cover up to 20 percent of the shoreline line. Mr. Small stated he had traffic safety concerns. The width of the channel inlet and entrance is between 20 to 40 feet at various points, along with the narrow passage under the bridge. The ability for multiple boats leaving and arriving would create safety and navigational hazards. Mr. Small also noted aesthetics and precedence of constructing three story boat docks as a concern of his as well.

Board Member Small made a motion to recommend to board to not approve the construction of the St. Tropez boat dock. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion for denial passed in favor 6-0-0.**

4. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding Boat Races on Town Lake at Auditorium Shores in 2004.

Board Member Small stated this item had been brought to the navigation committee twice for discussion.

William Archer gave the board a brief presentation to the Parks Board. Mr. Archer stated the International Hot Boat Association (IHBA) would meet all the City of Austin ordinances. The organizers are requesting to use Auditorium Shore for their event and are planning to host the event in August 2004. The proposed event would also include an evening concert.

Jeff Jack, Town Lake Park Stakeholder spoke against the IHBA proposal to use Auditorium Shores. Mr. Jack noted that not only does Barton Hills Neighborhood Association (NA) oppose the event in their resolution, but South River City Citizen NA, Zilker NA, Austin Neighborhood Council will be addressing this event in their up coming January neighborhood meetings. Travis Heights has also written a resolution against boat races on Town Lake.

Board Member Boyt made a recommendation to City Council to deny the variance request for Boat Races on Town Lake and to encourage the boat race promoters to utilize Decker Lake. **Board Member Guerrero** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor for denial 4-2-0.** Small and Bostick abstained.

5. Adopt the Parks Board By-Laws as amended.

The noted changes on are Article V, Section 1, regarding to when the Board meets monthly, (forth Tuesday of each month) and Section 6 was added regarding Citizen Communication restriction to the first 10 speakers who sign up to speak to Board.

Board Member Francell made to motion to approve the By-Laws as amended. **Board Member Guerrero** second. **The motion passed in favor 6-0-0.**

6. Appoint a member to serve on BCCP Advisory Committee.

Board Member Linda Guerrero was appointed to BCCP Advisory Committee.

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares invited board members to attend the Trail of Light 5K Run on Saturday, December 13 and the Opening Ceremony parade at the Zilker Garden Center, Sunday, December 14.

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F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

No meeting was held.

Land & Facilities Committee

No meeting was held.

Navigation Committee

The St. Tropez marina and the Landa boat dock were discussed.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Castleberry requested the Concession Report be given at the next schedule meeting, Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

H. ADJOURED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.